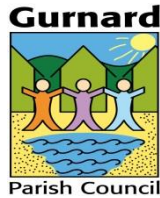


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Fuller; Jacobs; Bustin; Bugden; Williams; Acton and Franklin.

Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

No report had been received by either the IW Council Environment Officer Senad Adams or PCSO Steven Anker.

7175 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood who was attending to a family matter.

7176 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Fuller declared an interest in agenda items 21 (minute number 7195) as the Chairperson of the Local Access Forum, and 4 (minute number 7178) as Isle of Wight Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement and issued the following statement "Please note that any predisposed view I express tonight is based on the information that has been presented. However I remain open to listening to all arguments and receiving further material planning information, potentially enabling me to change my mind in light of further information." Cllr Bugden declared a personal interest in agenda item 19 (minute number 7193) as she knows the applicants for two of the applications and a number of residents living in Albert Road. Cllr Nolan also declared a personal interest in 19 (minute number 7193) as he knows some of the residents living in Albert Road.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

7177 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

(Cllr Bustin joined the meeting at 6.36pm)

7178 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. There were 2 planning applications and 1 licensing application for Councillor's consideration:
 - i. Application No: 22/00398/FUL
Location: 9 Shore Road PO31 8LB
Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed dwelling
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the footprint of the site. Should officers be mindful of approving the application GPC request the following conditions put in place; a full ecology report carried out as badgers are known to frequent the site, and light spillage mitigated for through downward rather than skyward facing lights.
 - ii. Application No: 22/00351/STMOBN
Location: Islandwide
Proposal: Street Trading Consent Island Wide Mobile Trader, Scarrots Lane Bakery
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.
 - iii. Application No: 22/00524/RVC
Location: 8 Shore Path PO31 8LL
Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 on 21/01893/FUL to allow alterations to approved scheme
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the drawings and variation applied for is not clear.
- b. No new planning decisions had been received since the last meeting

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7179 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported his time spent assisting with graffiti removal and refurbishment work by fencing off the area around the toilets, and his persistent reports about the 12 bins along the sea front that after 6 weeks still haven't been replaced following Storm Eunice. Cllr Fuller to chase Island Roads over this matter.

b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting which included the village litter pick which had taken place on Saturday March 26th with 14 volunteers, official confirmation from Natural England that the English Coastal Path through Spencer's Copse will now include the existing dog leg through to the 'secret' beach, and thanks to Gurnard Sailing Club and local resident, now that the hedge around the dinghy park on Shore Road has been cut back making it much safer to cross the road from the top of the Green. The Clerk has requested an update regarding the Village Green Status application submitted over a year ago, and that although the council has moved to voluntarily designate the land as a Village Green, there has been no official confirmation.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting. Members reported signs of potential development on a nearby farm that may require retrospective planning permission which IW Cllr Fuller will refer to planning with some other reports raised similarly in the area.

d. GVHA

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Bustin (Chair of GVHA) updated that the damp rot under the floor has been looked at and is in the process of obtaining quotations for treatment which could be anywhere up to £5,000 but has been going on for years and needs dealing with. She also updated that they are planning something in the hall on the Friday evening for the Jubilee but details still to be confirmed.

e. IWALC

The minutes of IWALC's Executive meeting held on 31 March 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting.

7180 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for March for approval

RESOLVED: That the precept of £60,186.00 is noted and the following payments totalling £6450.96 for the month of March are approved:

• Community Action (March payroll)	£1,802.21
• Danfo (February Cleaning)	£769.60
• Danfo (March Cleaning)	£769.60
• Danfo (new coin mechanism)	£192.00
• TSO (web hosting)	£41.99
• Mrs K Riley (minor expenses)	£70.56
• Mr Mark Franklin (land registry fee)	£12.00
• IW NHS Trust (Defibrillator battery)	£265.00
• All Saints Church (Garden room hire)	£6.00
• Green Jiant (strimming of Old School Meadow)	£168.00
• SLCC (training)	£72.00
• IWC (playground maintenance)	£1500.00
• Stuart Penney (refurbishment work)	£764.00
• Unity Trust Bank (account fee)	£18.00

b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and the bank reconciliation for March

RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for March be duly noted

c. To approve and sign the end of year accounts 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the end of year accounts for 2021/22 are approved and signed by the Chair

d. To receive and note the Internal Audit Report 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Report 2021/22 is noted with no recommendations arising from the audit

e. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 is approved and signed by the Chair

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f. To approve and sign the Accounting Statement 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statement 2021/22 is approved and signed by the Chair

7181 Sunnycott Caravan site

Cllr fuller updated on issues raised at Sunnycott Caravan site and neighbouring property and that although the matter has been referred to Planning Enforcement, the service consists of just 2 officers for the Island and other issues are currently taking their attention. The question was asked as to whether Gurnard Parish Council (perhaps in conjunction with Cowes Town Council and Northwood Parish Council) could help to fund more officers as other Town and Parish councils have done, and it was proposed to raise this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That a contribution to Planning Enforcement is considered at the next meeting.

7182 Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

Cllr Acton highlighted several points from the draft LCWIP which had been circulated prior to the meeting for consideration by councillors including areas where pavements are poor and difficult for wheelchair users, improving the steps on the side of the Green, a 20mph speed limit to assist with pedestrian rights of way, a footpath link from Cockleton Lane to Place Road, and a pedestrian exit from Gurnard Primary School directly onto Cow Lane. Members were generally of the opinion that there was some nice ideas in the plan but it was a wish list and the costs identified look to be prohibitive. The Plan may however provide access to government streams of funding that wouldn't be possible without it.

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council largely support the proposals that have been identified in the LCWIP for Gurnard however do not see the benefit of a separate cycle track along the seafront and would prefer to see an alternative cycle route through Cowes High Street via Cowes Yacht Haven.

7183 Mission Zero

Cllr Acton presented her report following the recent Mission Zero and Environment & Sustainability Forum Grant Workshop and offered to send members a link to Facebook for those that were interested. The forum is being led by mainly Gurnard residents all of whom work within a circular economy and the networking event clearly showed if the IWC are going to succeed in achieving mission zero then there needs to be a change in the hearts and minds of everyone. There may be more GPC can do to support the IWC to achieve mission zero for example by planting trees and promoting grants that have been available for solar panels etc. and suggested that it is a regular agenda item for GPC

RESOLVED: That an Environment and Sustainability representative is re-appointed at May's Annual Meeting to take a lead on these matters moving forward.

7184 Welcome Back Fund signage

The Clerk presented a poster template for the new seafront benches to meet ERDF requirements which members edited during the meeting

RESOLVED: That the Clerk print and laminate a copy of the edited poster to be displayed outside the toilets.

7185 Memorial requests

Alternative options were considered for memorial requests such as little plaques (about 40 could be accommodated in total) on the sea facing brick wall around the toilets with a decorative piece of art such as ceramic fish, however given the recent bout of graffiti and measures required in its removal, it was considered not appropriate at this time.

RESOLVED: That memorial suggestions on the brick wall outside the toilets are re-considered in 6 months' time (October 2022).

7186 Parish Award

The presentation of flowers at the Annual Parish Meeting was considered.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk purchase flowers with a budget of £40.00 for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

7187 Councillor Training

The Clerk presented two new dates for training with Sue Chilton on either 29th June 2022 or 28th September 2022 for agreement

RESOLVED: That 28th September 2022 is agreed as a new date for training with Sue Chilton.

7188 Toilet cleaning and maintenance contract 2022/23

The specification for next year's toilet cleaning and maintenance contract to start 15th July 2022 was considered

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain a variety of quotations for cleaning and maintenance of the toilets to be agreed at a later date.

7189 Opportunity to hold meetings remotely on a 'consultation' basis

The Clerk presented the legal advice received via IWALC as to how meetings can be held remotely on a 'consultation' basis

RESOLVED: That the advice as to how GPC can legally meet remotely when circumstances suit on a 'consultation' basis to reach a consensus via the Clerk's delegated authority be noted for future reference

7190 Gurnard Village Hall

Cllr Fuller updated that he's heard nothing more from Community Action IW's Philippa Day about a meeting to consider GVHA's options moving forward now that a new group of volunteers are in place and will chase this matter up.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until a meeting has taken place with Community Action IW's Philippa Day about GVHA's options moving forward.

7191 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Old School Meadow

Cllr Bustin presented plans for a fete at Old School Meadow to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June starting at 11.00 am and dog show in the afternoon. She is hoping there will be a display from a local gymnastic group, tug of war, and a bouncy castle and toilets have been booked. Someone has lent their generator for the event and it might be that another generator is needed depending on whether catering is provided in-house or not. Marquee options are also being considered. There will be a small charge to enter the dog show and any money left over will be donated to a dog charity such as Ability Dogs.

RESOLVED: That up to £2,000 is agreed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Old School Meadow

7192 Ukraine

Ways in which GPC can offer support to Ukraine were considered

RESOLVED: To donate £500 to the British Red Cross.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders are suspended to enable the meeting to continue beyond 2.5 hours

7193 Grants

The Grants Panel presented their recommendations regarding eight grant applications received.

RESOLVED: That £450 be awarded to All Saints Church for the production of the Gurnard News, £100 be awarded to All Saints Church in support of Coffee and Chat, £150 be awarded to Solent Singers, £100 be awarded to Gurnard Primary School PTA, but no grant be awarded to Cowes Men in Sheds (The Storeroom), The Wave Project, The Way Forward Programme (Osel Enterprises Ltd) or Albert Road Residents.

It was further proposed that £200 be donated for the benefit of Gurnard Pines residents possibly through the development of a local food pantry scheme, to be considered at next month's meeting.

(Cllr Bustin left the meeting at 9.13pm)

7194 Esplanade woodland clearance (Cllrs Acton/Nolan)

Though some regrowth has already been noticed, further ways to actively pursue regeneration of the woodland cleared by SGN were considered including utilisation of a landscape architect and holding a 'guerilla gardening' day but it was felt it was too early days in the prosecution process to agree any such plans. Cllr Fuller repeated his request for evidence of wildlife to be shared with him and his hope that a local nature reserve is designated as an outcome of the case which will protect the land from any future development.

7195 Local Accessibility

Priorities to help improve mobility access for elderly and disabled residents to services, facilities and the countryside were considered, and whilst one proposal was put forward, given the time limitations of the meeting, councillors were encouraged to respond to the consultation individually.

RESOLVED: That less stiles and more kissing gates should be prioritised to help residents access more of the countryside.

7196 Environment Agency Response

Cllr Acton presented a draft response for the Environment Agency in relation to the unacceptable water quality reported in Gurnard which will be circulated to councillors following the meeting

RESOLVED: That the response prepared by Cllr Acton be sent to the Environment Agency on GPC's behalf.

7197 RNLI Beach Safety Assessment Report

Cllr Franklin presented his report with proposals on the RNLI Beach Safety Assessment Report

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RESOLVED: That a Beach Working Group be set up to take proposals forward.

7198 Government's consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review

Cllr Williams had circulated her report prior to the consultation closing date proposing GPC support the Glover Landscapes Review to which members supported through email and the Clerk responded accordingly on GPC's behalf.

RESOLVED: That the decision for GPC to support the Government's Consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review be ratified.

7199 Church Road Traffic

Cllr Fuller had no further update on the questionnaire in preparation to survey residents' views about a proposed one-way system as a solution to traffic issues on Church Road.

RESOLVED: That this item be brought forward when there is further progress to report on the questionnaire in preparation to survey residents' views about a proposed one-way system as a solution to traffic issues on Church Road.

7200 Trees on Worsley Road

Cllr Fuller confirmed that the overhanging trees on the pavement on Worsley Road had been cut back and though not to the satisfaction of all members, presumably to the satisfaction of Island Roads.

7201 Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

Cllr Bugden presented her proposal to plant a tree on Pond Green to mark the Platinum Jubilee

RESOLVED: That an A5 plaque is purchased at a cost of £144.99 for a tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee and for Cllr Acton to investigate various tree options

7202 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Contribution to the Planning Enforcement Service
- Contribution towards a Food Pantry Scheme for the benefit of Gurnard Pines residents

7203 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

7204 The Clerk presented quotations for the installation of seven new benches on the seafront

RESOLVED: That Green Jiant be instructed to install the seven new benches on the seafront at a cost of £500.

The meeting closed at 9.48 pm

CHAIR
